

Śrīmad Bhagavatam

Canto 2

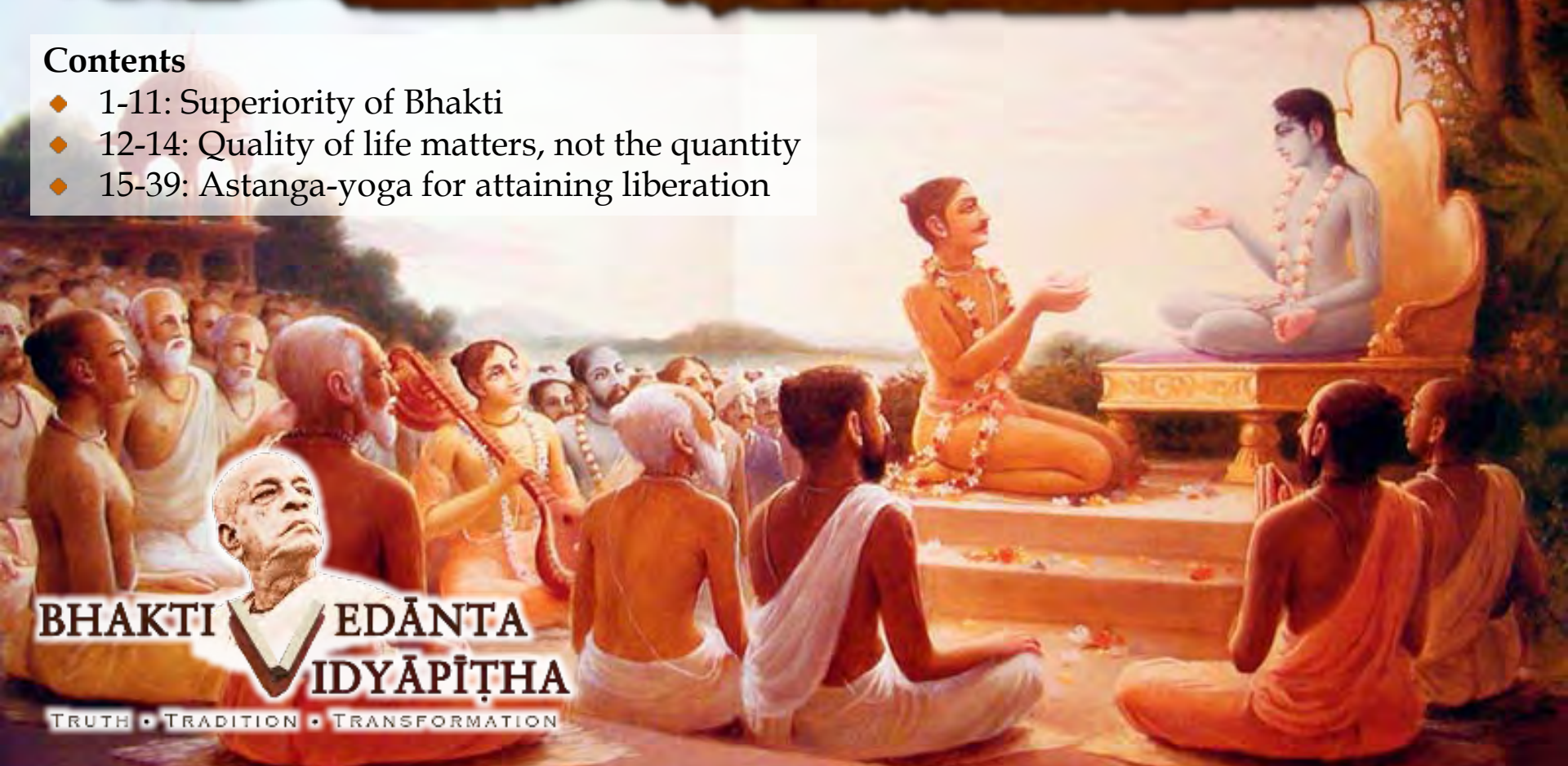


Srimad Bhagavatam Canto 2 Chapter 1

2.1. The First Step in God Realization

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- ◆ 1-11: Superiority of Bhakti
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BHAKTI  **VEDĀNTA**
VIDYĀPĪṬHA

TRUTH • TRADITION • TRANSFORMATION

Parikshit's question at the end of Canto 1

What is the **ultimate duty** of every person?
... especially one who is **about to die**?



What he should hear, chant & remember?
& what he should not do? (1.19.24, 38).

1-11: Superiority of Bhakti

1. Wonderful question: Beneficial for all, approved by transcendentalists and supreme subject matter.

śrī-śuka uvāca
variṇyān eṣa te praśnaḥ
krto loka-hitam nṛpa
ātmavit-sammataḥ puṁsām
śrotavyādiṣu yaḥ paraḥ



1-11: Superiority of Bhakti

2-4: Grhamedhi's life

- 2. Grhamedhi has many things to chant, hear & remember

śrotavyādīni rājendra
nṛṇām santi sahasraśaḥ
apaśyatām ātma-tattvaṃ
gṛheṣu gṛha-medhinām



1-11: Superiority of Bhakti

2-4: Grhamedhi's life

3. Day – Wasted in working hard, Night – spent in sex & sleep

nidrayā hriyate naktam vyavāyena ca vā vayah
divā cārthehayā rājan kuṭumba-bharaṇena vā



1-11: Superiority of Bhakti

2-4: Grhamedhi's life

- 4. Great Faith in fallible soldiers, Doesn't see his end coming

dehāpatya-kalatrādiṣv ātma-sainyeṣv asatsv api
teṣāṁ pramatto nidhanam paśyann api na paśyati



1-11: Superiority of Bhakti

- 5. Therefore... Chant, Hear & Remember the Lord

**tasmād bhārata sarvātmā bhagavān īśvaro hariḥ
śrotavyaḥ kīrtitavyaś ca smartavyaś cecchatābhayam**



1-11: Superiority of Bhakti



Harer namanukirtanam

6. Even jnanis, karmis & yogis can achieve perfection
(etavan sankhya...)

7. Proof: Many self-realized sages have taken pleasure in Hari-Katha.

8-9. Example: Myself (parinistitopi...)
Although Brahman realized, Lord's pastimes attracted my heart.

10. Phala-Sruti: **Hearing Bhagavatam** develops unflinching
faith towards SPG.

11. Harinama Kirtan is the topmost anga of the Bhakti.
etan nirvidyamananam...

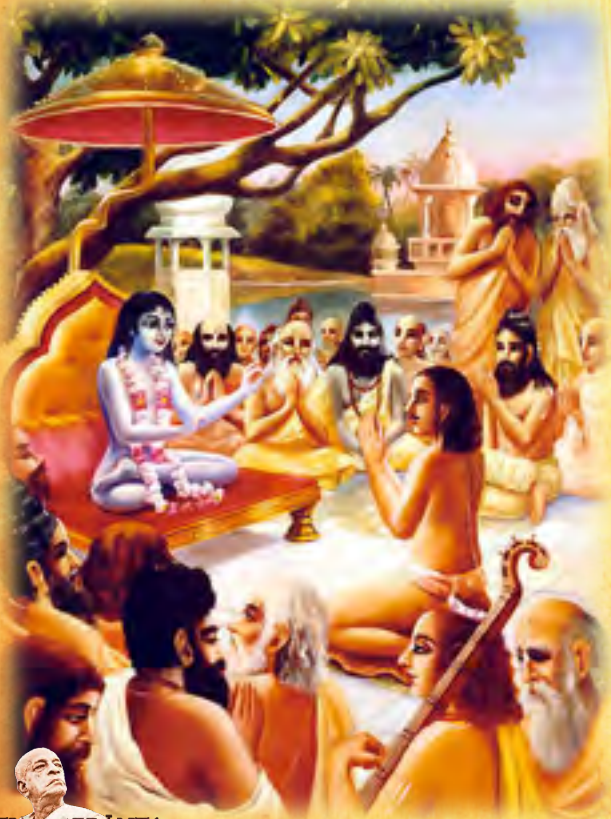
12-14: Quality of Life Matters, Not Quantity

- **12-14:** “Bhakti! I have only 7 days!”...
“Khatvanga had just 1 muhurta!”

So, Prepare for next life!



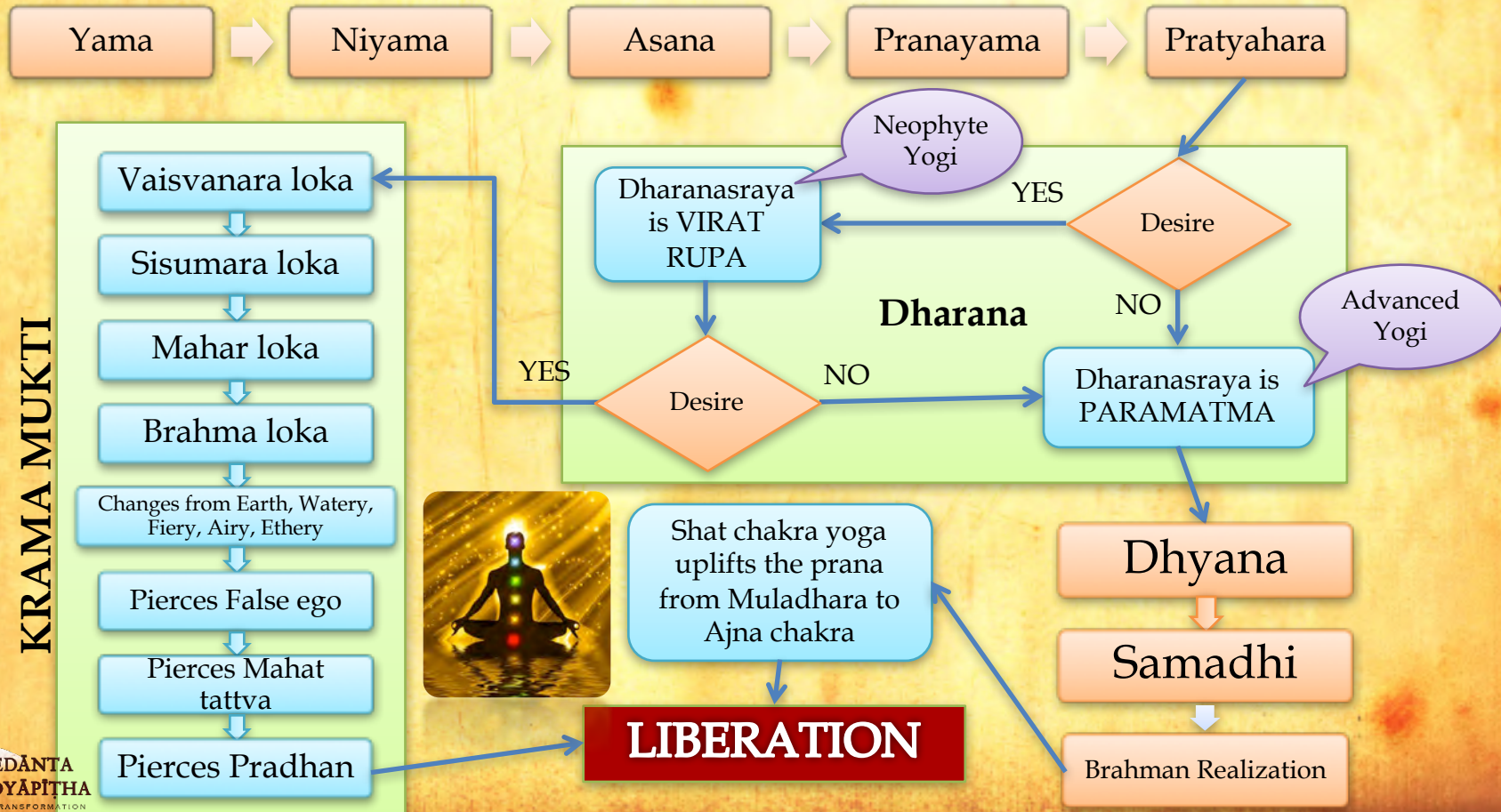
15-39: Astanga-yoga for attaining liberation



Answer to Parikshit's question in 1.19.37
(Duty of a dying man) –

- Astanga yoga (opinion of some sages)
- Bhakti (Suka's opinion: 2.2.33-37)

15-39: Astanga-yoga for attaining liberation



KRAMA MUKTI

15-39: Astanga-yoga for attaining liberation

26-28: 14 Planetary Systems as the Limbs
of the Virat-Rupa

29-37: Further Representation of
Limbs/Acts of Virat-Rupa

Refer Bhagavata Subodhini page 142-143.

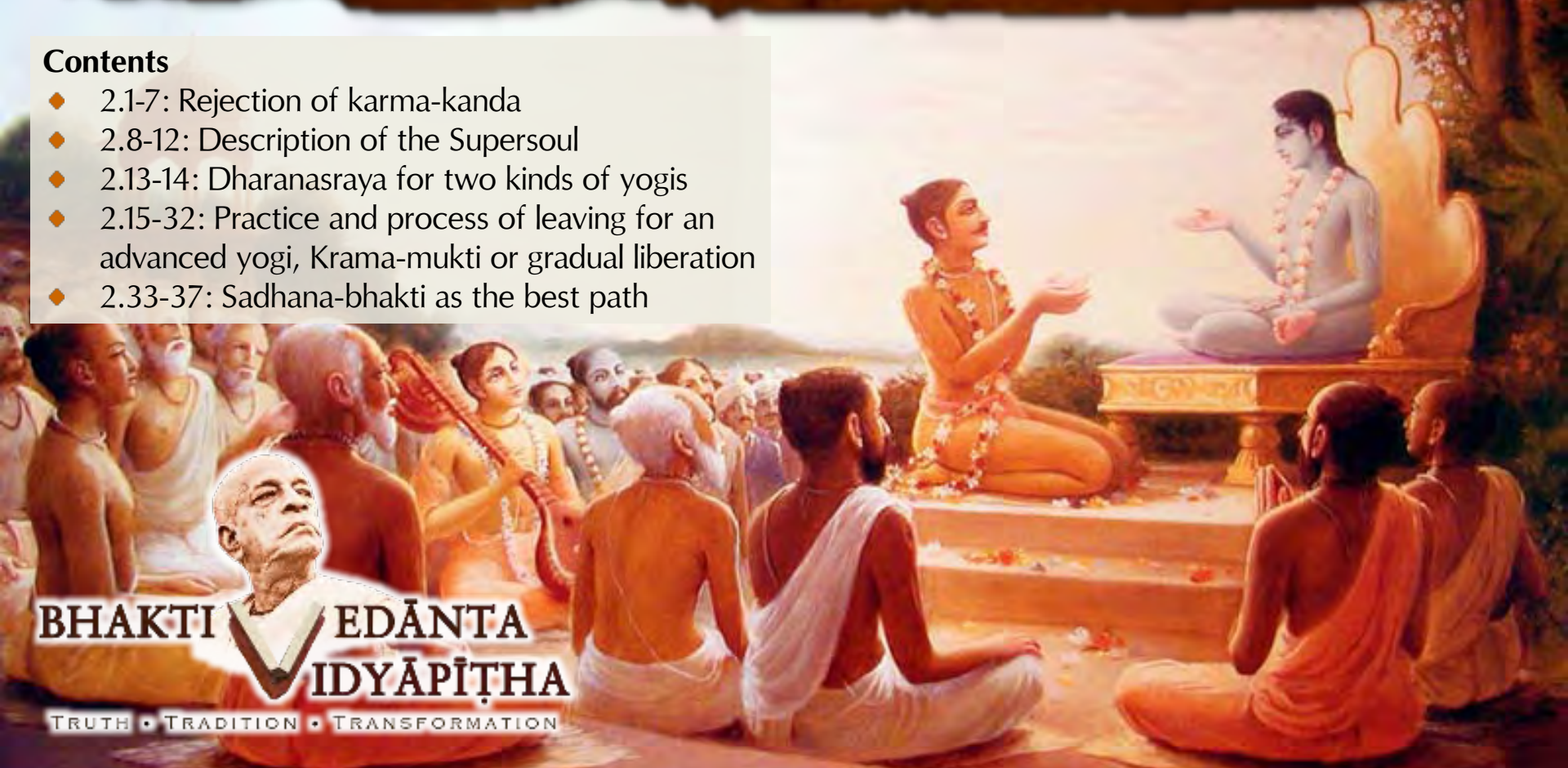


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- ◆ 2.33-37: Sadhana-bhakti as the best path



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1-7: Rejection of karma-kanda

- **1-3:** Brahmaji recreates the universe by meditating on the virat-rupa. Temporary pleasures are like dreams and one should work only to keep one's body and soul together.
- **4-5: What does it mean to live with minimum necessities?**
 - Earthly flats – Why cots & beds?
 - Own arms – Why pillow?
 - Palms of hands – Why utensils?
 - Skins of trees – Why clothing?



1-7: Rejection of karma-kanda

- No torn clothes on road?
- Trees don't give charity?
- Rivers dried up?
- Mountain caves closed?
- Lord doesn't protect surrendered souls?
- Why Flatter Rich men?
- **6-7:** If one worship the Supersoul, one's ignorance is destroyed. Only the gross materialists will reject bhakti and chose karma-kanda.



8-12: Description of the Supersoul

- **8:** 8 inches, 4 Hands
- **9:** Mouth, expresses happiness, Eyes ~ lotus Petals, Garments – yellowish like saffron of kadamba, Ornaments – gold set with jewels, Head dress & earrings – glowing
- **10:** Lotus feet on lotus heart of mystics, Chest – Kaustubha jewel – engraved with a beautiful calf, Torso garlanded with flowers.



8-12: Description of the Supersoul

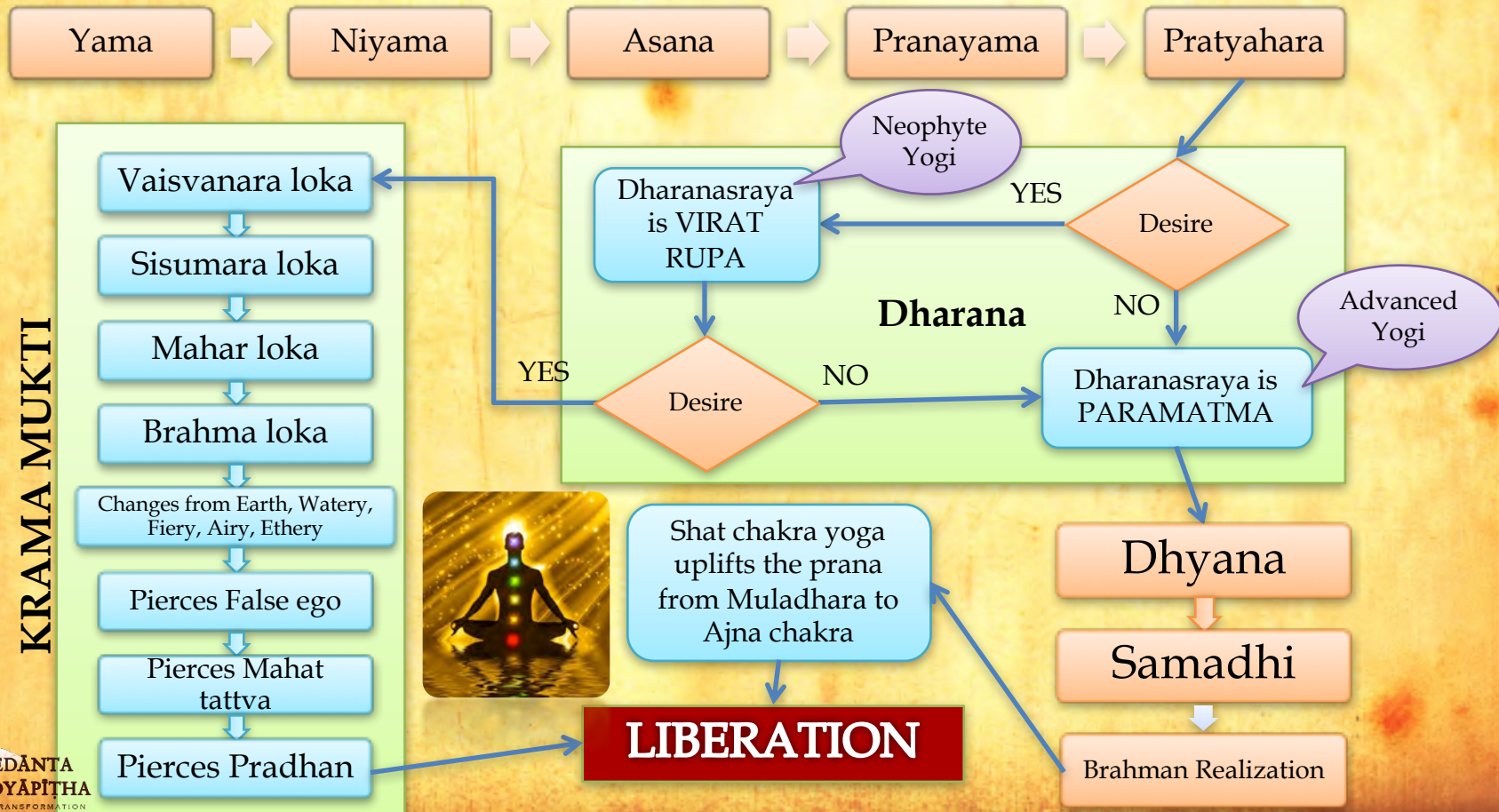
- **11:** Ornamental wreath – waist, Rings studded with valuable jewels on His fingers, Leglets, bangles, oiled hair, curling – with a bluish tint, beautiful smiling face → all very pleasing
- **12:** One should meditate on His form until the mind remains in a concentrated state



13-14: Dharanasraya for two kinds of yogis

- **13:** Dhyana by meditating on each limb. By this the intelligence is gradually purified.
- **14:** But, if a person has not developed such devotional inclination towards the Lord, he should meditate on the virat-rupa, at the end of his prescribed duties.

15-32: Practice and Process of leaving of an advanced yogi, Karma mukti



33-37: Sadhana-bhakti, the best path

- **33-35:** Verdict of Brahma...
after scrutinizingly studying
Vedas 3 times.

na hy ato 'nyaḥ śivaḥ panthā
viśataḥ saṁsṛtāv iha
vāsudeve bhagavati
bhakti-yogo yato bhavet



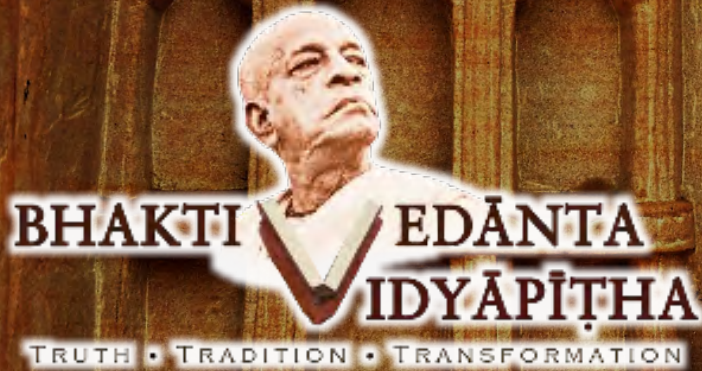
33-37: Sadhana-bhakti, the best path

- 36. What is this Sadhana Bhakti?
tasmāt sarvātmanā rājan
hariḥ sarvatra sarvadā
śrotavyaḥ kīrtitavyaś ca
smartavyo bhagavān nṛṇām
- 37. 2 main benefits – (i) Polluted Aim of
life purified, (ii) Attain Lord's lotus feet:
pibanti ye bhagavata ātmanaḥ satām
kathāmṛtaṁ śravaṇa-puteṣu sambhṛtam
punanti te viṣaya-vidūṣitāśayam
vrajanti tac-caraṇa-saroruhāntikam



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- ◆ 13-25: Saunaka Rsi inspires Suta Gosvami to speak

1-12: Demigod worship vs. Pure devotional service

1-9: Paths chosen by less intelligent men



Desire	Demigod to worship
To be absorbed in impersonal Brahmajyoti	Brahma
Powerful Sex	Indra
Good Progeny	Prajapati Daksa
Good Fortune	Durgadevi
Power	Agni
Money	Vasus
To be a great hero	Rudra
Large stock of grains	Aditi
Heavenly planets	Adityas
Worldly kingdom	Visvadeva

1-12: Demigod worship vs. Pure devotional service

1-9: Paths chosen by less intelligent men

Desire	Demigod to worship
Popularity amongst general mass	Sadhya
Long span of life	Asvini Kumaras
Strongly built body	Earth
Stability in his post	Earth and Horizon
Beauty	Gandharvas
Good wife	Apsaras and Urvasi
Dominion over others	Lord Brahma
Tangible fame	SPG (Yajna)
Good bank balance	Varuna
Vast learning	Lord Siva
Good Marital relationship	Uma



1-12: Demigod Worship vs. Pure Devotional Service



- **11-12:** Devotee association alone gives bhakti. Even *jnanis* take to *bhakti*, why not demigod worshipers?

- **10. Worship the Supreme Lord:**
**akāmaḥ sarva-kāmo vā
mokṣa-kāma udāra-dhīḥ
tivreṇa bhakti-yogena
yajeta puruṣam param**



Essence so far...

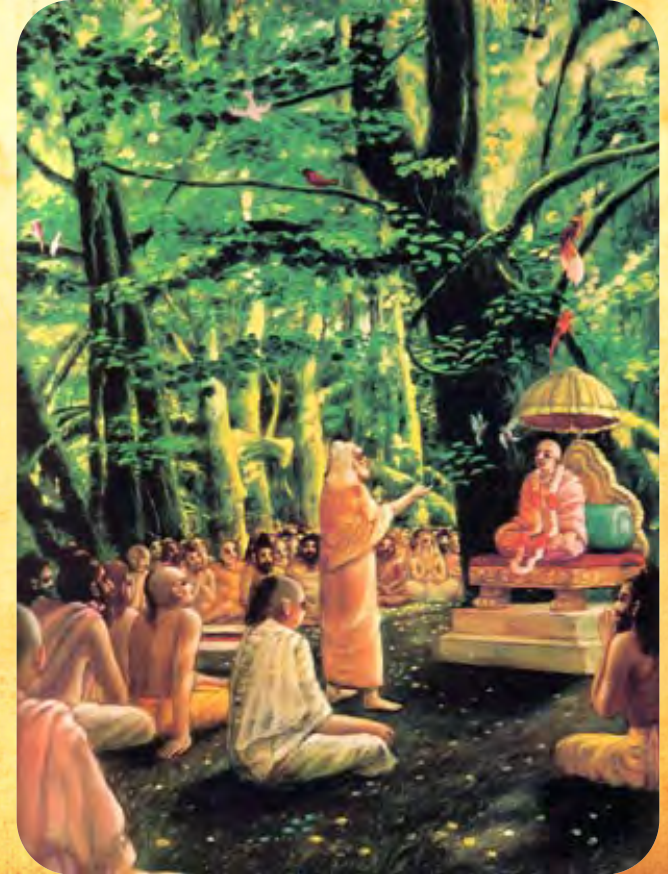
"Sukadeva Goswami established the superiority of Bhakti yoga over Astaga yoga & Demigod worship in 2½ chapters."

Now, Saunaka rishi inspires Suta Goswami to speak further...



13-25: Saunaka Rsi inspires Suta Goswami to speak

- **13:** What further questions did Parikshit Maharaj ask?
- **14:** You are a learned (*vidvan*)
We are eager (*susrusatam*)
Speak Hari katha.
- **15-16:** We know the glories of Parikshit, Sukadeva Goswami also.



13-25: Saunaka Rsi inspires Suta Goswami to speak

- **17. Best utility of time:** Any other activity than **Hari Katha** steals away one's lifetime.

**āyur harati vai puṁsām
udyann astam ca yann asau
tasyarte yat-kṣaṇo nīta
uttama-śloka-vārtayā**

- **18:** Do the trees not live? Do the bellows of the blacksmith not breathe? Do the beasts not eat and discharge semen?



13-25: Saunaka Rsi inspires Suta Goswami to speak

- 19: Only animalistic men, glorify those who are expert in enjoying animalistic pleasures.

**śva-vid-varāhoṣṭra-kharaiḥ saṁstutaḥ puruṣaḥ paśuḥ
na yat-karṇa-pathopeto jātu nāma gadāgrajāḥ**



Dogs



Hogs



Camels



Asses

13-25: Saunaka Rsi inspires Suta Goswami to speak more

20-25: Limb-by-limb description of an animalistic person

Limb of person	Compared to	If not
20: Earholes	holes of snakes	listened about prowess and marvelous acts of the SPG
Tongue	Frog tongue	sung or chanted loudly the worthy songs about the Lord



13-25: Saunaka Rsi inspires Suta Goswami to speak more

20-25: Limb-by-limb description of an animalistic person

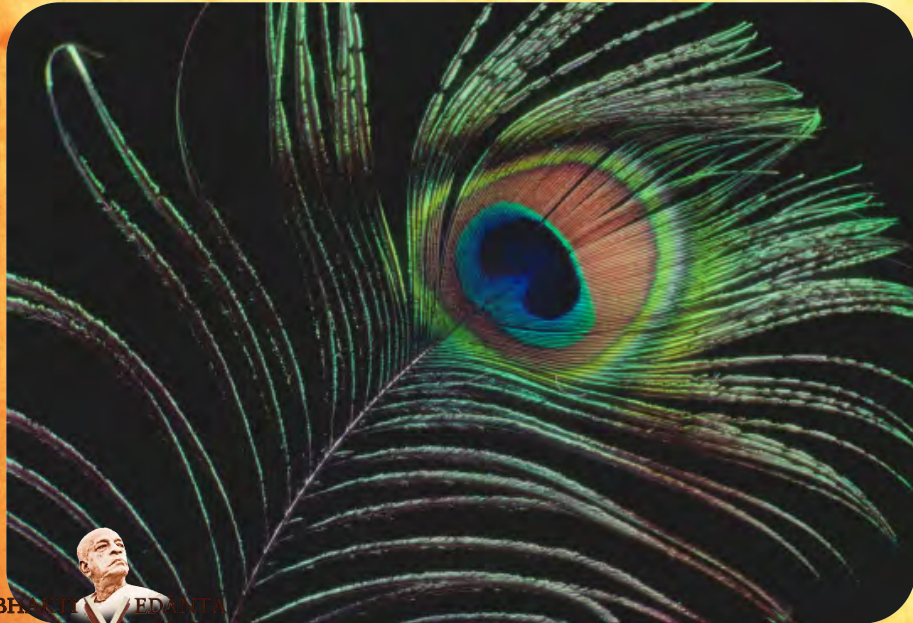
Limb of person	Compared to	If not
21: Upper body, though crowned Hands, even with glittering bangles	Heavy burden like dead man's	bowed down before Lord engaged in Lord Hari's service



13-25: Saunaka Rsi inspires Suta Goswami to speak more

20-25: Limb-by-limb description of an animalistic person

Limb of person	Compared to	If not
22: Eyes	plumes of the peacock	look at the symbolic representations of Lord
Legs	tree trunks	move to the holy places



13-25: Saunaka Rsi inspires Suta Goswami to speak more

20-25: Limb-by-limb description of an animalistic person

Limb of person	Compared to	If not
23: The person	Dead body	(i) Received on head, Pure devotees dust (ii) experienced aroma of Tulasi from Lord's feet
24: Heart	steel-framed	Change even after one chanting holy name



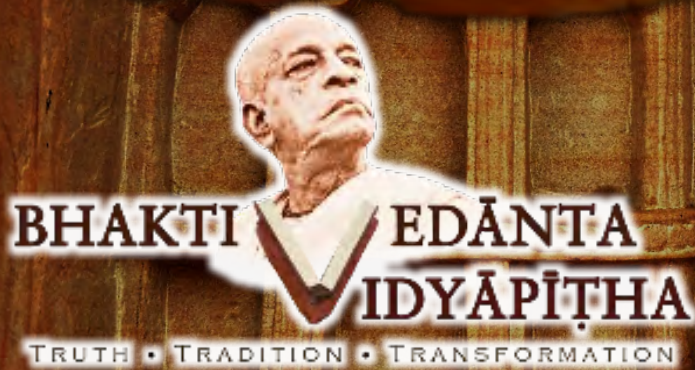
13-25: Saunaka Rsi inspires Suta Goswami to speak more

- 25: Therefore... Please speak Hari Katha



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1-4: Suta Gosvami describes what happens next

- **1-4:** Pariksit concentrates his mind on Krishna & detaches himself from all material things.

**ātma-jāyā-sutāgāra- paśu-draviṇa-bandhuṣu
rājye cāvikale nityaṁ virūḍhāṁ mamatāṁ jahau**

and starts asking questions.



5-10: Pariksit Maharaja's questions

- **5:** Your Hari Katha is dispelling my ignorance.
- **6-10:** Explain about Sarga & Visarga. Lord's activities are wonderful. The Lord, as one purusa.

Sukadeva Goswami systematically remembered the master of the senses, to reply properly.



11-25: Sukadeva Gosvami's prayers to the Lord

11-18: My obeisances to the Lord who-

- **11-12:** who accepts 3 modes for creation, resides in all jivas, whose ways are inconceivable.
- **13:** who is the complete form of existence, which
 - i. liberates pious devotees
 - ii. destroys advances of non-devotees
 - iii. grants specific destination to transcendentalists.



11-25: Sukadeva Gosvami's prayers to the Lord

11-18: My obeisances to the Lord who-

14: He is Enjoyer of
material & spiritual worlds

15: Glorifying Him
Nullifies sinful effects

yat-kīrtanam yat-smaraṇam yad-ikṣaṇam
yad-vandanam yac-chravaṇam yad-arhaṇam
lokasya sadyo vidhunoti kalmaṣam
tasmai subhadra-śravase namo namaḥ

16: Surrendering to Him
relieves one of all
present & future attachments.



11-25: Sukadeva Gosvami's prayers to the Lord

11-18: My obeisances to the Lord who-

17: Dedicating one's qualities in His service only
will give results

tapasvino dāna-parā yaśasvino
manasvino mantra-vidaḥ sumanḡalāḥ
kṣemaṁ na vindanti vinā yad-arpaṇaṁ
tasmai subhadra-śravase namo namaḥ

18: Shelter of His Devotees Purifies any sinful person

kirāta-hūṇāndhra-pulinda-pulkaśā
ābhīra-śumbhā yavanāḥ khasādayaḥ
ye 'nye ca pāpā yad-apāśrayāśrayāḥ
śudhyanti tasmai prabhaviṣṇave namaḥ



11-25: Sukadeva Gosvami's prayers to the Lord

19-25: May the Supreme Lord, who ____ be pleased with me



- **19:** Supersoul & Supreme Lord of all self-realized souls, Personification of the Vedas, religious scriptures & austerities.
- **20: Worshiped by Brahma, Siva etc**
**śriyaḥ patir yajña-patiḥ prajā-patir
dhiyām patir loka-patir dharā-patiḥ
patir gatiś cāndhaka-vṛṣṇi-sātvatām
prasīdatām me bhagavān satām patiḥ**
- **21:** Giver of liberation.
- **22:** Amplified Brahma's knowledge, inspired him in creation & appeared from his mouth.
- **23:** Causes the living entities to be subjected to sixteen divisions of modes.

11-25: Sukadeva Gosvami's prayers to the Lord

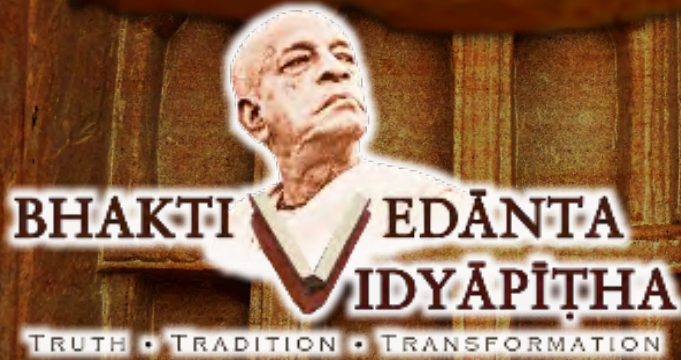
19-25: May the Supreme Lord, who _ be pleased with me

- **24:** Obeisances to Vyasadeva
- **25:** "I will answer your questions by quoting the "Brahma-Narada Samvada"



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2.5. The Cause of All Causes



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1-8: Narada Muni's Questions, Convictions and doubts

1-2 Questions by Narada muni to Brahma

- **1: ātma-tattva-nidarśanam** – Truth of Soul and Supersoul
- **2: Six questions about universe**
 - **yad rūpaṁ** – Characteristics?
 - **yad adhiṣṭhānaṁ** – Background?
 - **yataḥ sṛṣṭam** – How is it created?
 - **yat saṁstham** – How is it conserved?
 - **yat param** – What it depends on?
 - **yat ca** – What is it composed of?



1-8: Narada Muni's Questions, Convictions and doubts

Convictions:

- **3:** You know everything about creation.
- **4:** You are supreme independent Lord.
- **5:** You create by your energy like spider.
- **6:** I know no other source but you.

Doubts:

- **7-8:** Why did you perform so much austerity? Someone more powerful than you?



9-13: Brahma clarifies Narada's doubts

- **9: You inspired me** to meditate on Lord's Prowess.
- **10: Ignorance** of Lord's position leads to illusion in observation of my acts.

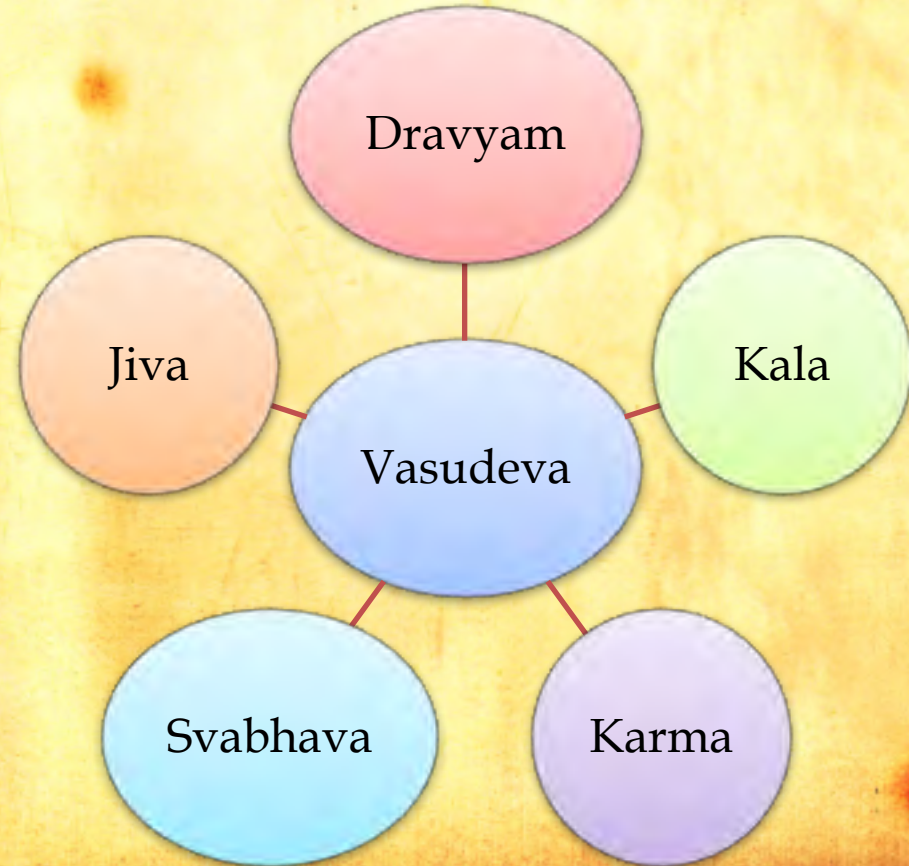
11: I only recreate what He created.

- **12: By His Maya**, people call me the Supreme.
- **13: Identifying with "me & mine"** & thus bewildered, a person talks nonsense.



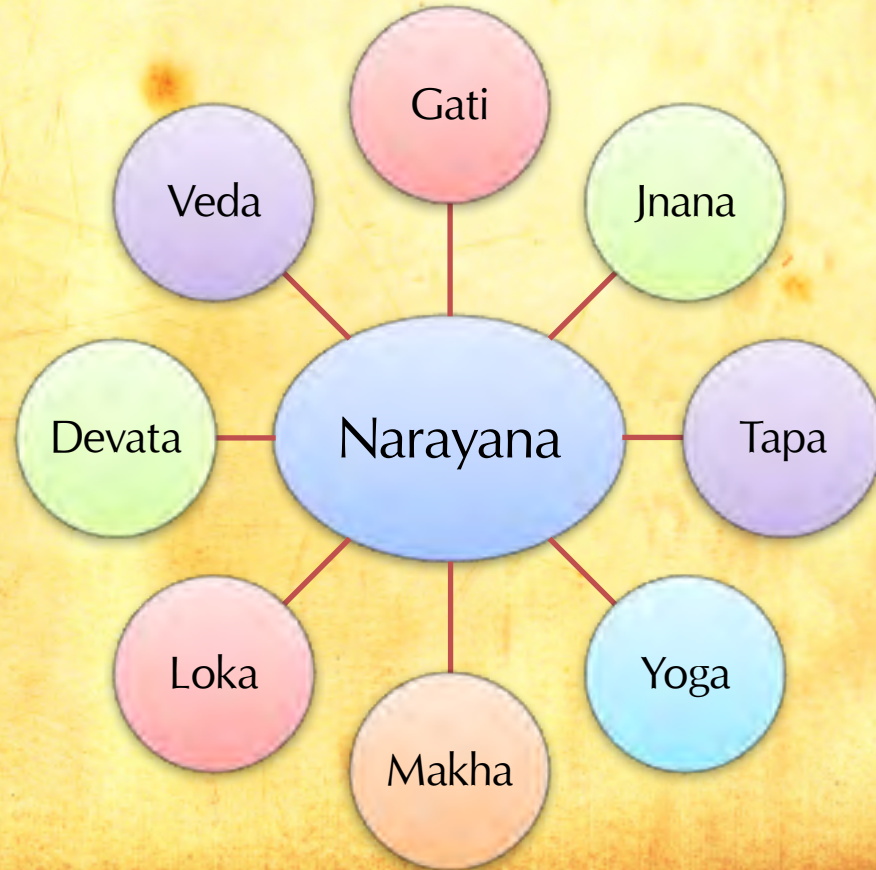
14-16: Brahma answers Q1, Q2, Q5

- **14: yad rupam:**
All the 5 ingredients of creation are all non-different from Vasudeva



14-16: Brahma answers Q1, Q2, Q5

- **15-16. yad adhithanam, yat param:** Whatever you see in this universe that is worth taking shelter - *Narayana is the shelter of that.*



17-20: Brahma vs. Lord - jiva-tattva vs. visnu-tattva

18: Lord controls 3 gunas through His Maya Shakti.

- **17:** For my re-creation also I get His inspiration.

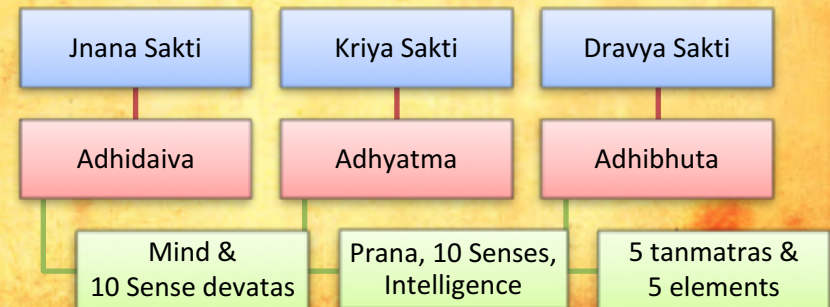
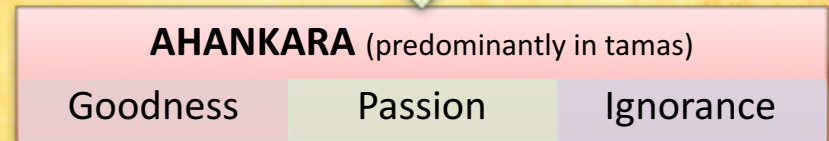
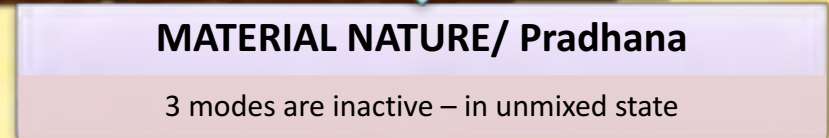
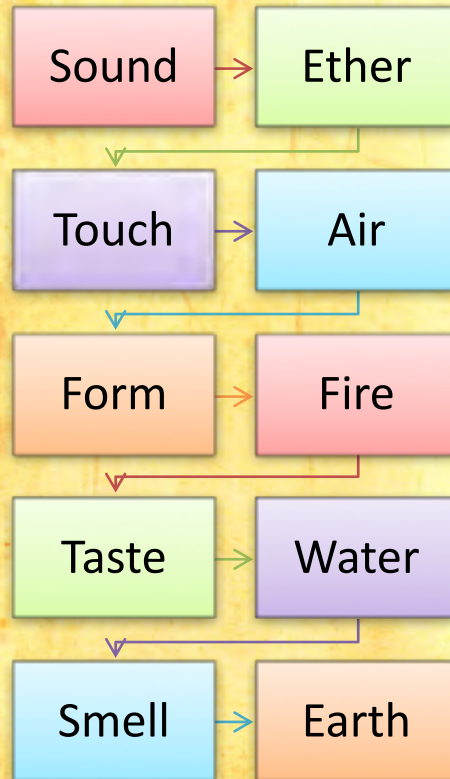
19: 3 modes control jivas by binding them.

20: People cannot perceive Lord.



21-35: Answer to Q3 – yatah srstam

21-31: Karana srsti



21-35: Brahma answers Q3 – yatah srstam

32-35: Karya-srsti



23 elements [Mahat-tattva, ahankara, 5 tan-matras, 5 gross elements, 11 senses in unmixed state]

Assembly happens by Lord's Maya Sakti

After 1000 yrs of inactivity Garbhodakasayi Visnu enters the universe & enlivens it.

He then expands into the Virat rupa

36-42: Descriptions of Virat-Rupa

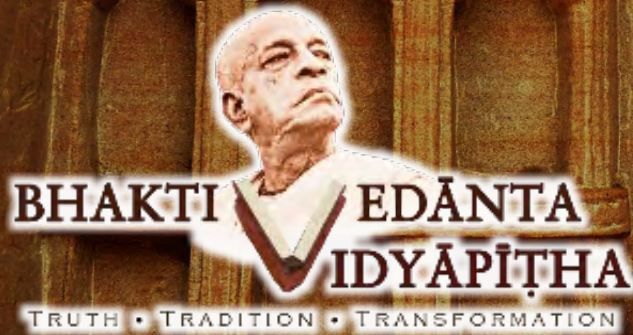
Varna	Limb
Brahmanas	Mouth/head
Kshatriyas	Arms
Vaisyas	Thighs
Sudras	Legs

Loka	Body
Svarloka (Upper)	Chest to Head
Bhuvarloka (Middle)	Navel
Bhurloka (Lower)	Legs

Planets	Limb
Satyaloka	Head
Tapaloka	Breast
Janaloka	Neck
Maharloka	Chest
Svarga	Heart
Bhuvarloka	Navel to Heart
Bhur-loka	Navel
Atala	Waist
Vitala	Thigh
Sutala	Knees
Talatala	Shanks/Calves
Mahatala	Ankles
Rasatala	Upper portion of feet
Patala	Soles of feet

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2.6 Purusha sukta Confirmed



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- ◆ 34-38: It is not possible to completely know the Lord.
- ◆ 39-46: Brahma describes the original creator Maha-Vishnu.

1-17: Answer to Q6 - 'yat ca'

- **1-16: Lord is Material cause** - Limbs of Garbhodakasayi Visnu provides the ingredients for the universe.
 - Lord's subtle sense organ → Tan-matra + Element
 - Lord's gross sense organ → sense devata + subtle sense organ of Virat Rupa & jiva. [Refer Bhagavata Subodhini Page Nos – 164-165 & 168]
- **13-16:** Though the universe is made of Lord's body, still He is transcendental.
- **17.** Lord is also the **effective cause** as the Super soul.

This material universe is not all in all.

Above the Ekapada is Tripad which is characterised by
amritam, kshemam, abhayam.

18-22: Ekapada Vs. Tripada Vibhutis

Quality	Ekapada	Tripada
Birth Death Cycle	Present	Absent
People (who stays)	Grhamedhis, Abrhad-vratah	Aprajanam
Lord's Inclination	Not Inclined	More Inclined
Nature of Souls	Wants to Lord Over material nature	Devotional Service
Fear	Present	Absent
Forgetfulness	Present as Avidya	Not Present because of as Vidya
Souls	Less in Number	Innumerable
Sandhini Manifestation	$\frac{1}{4}$	$\frac{3}{4}$
Sat-Cit-Ananda Experience	Meager	Full

23-30: Answer to Q6- Lord is the Cause

31-33: Answers to Q2 & Q5

- **23-28:** I collected the ingredients for sacrifice from the Lord's limbs.
- **29-30:** Later Prajapatis, Manus, Sages worshipped lord.
- **31. Yad-Adhistanam** – All universes are situated in lord's powerful material energies.
- **32. Yat-Param** - Only by lord's empowerment, I create, Siva destroys, he maintains.



34-38: It is not possible to completely know the Lord

- 34. My words, mind & senses can never go wrong as I hold Krishna in my heart.
**na bhāratī me 'ṅga mṛṣopalakṣyate
na vai kvacin me manaso mṛṣā gatiḥ
na me hr̥ṣīkāṇi patanty asat-pathe
yan me hr̥dautkaṇṭhyavatā dhṛto hariḥ**
- 35. Though I have high qualities, I can't understand Him.
- 36-37: Even the Lord cannot know His limits.
- 38. Still I glorify His activities to the extent I have understood.



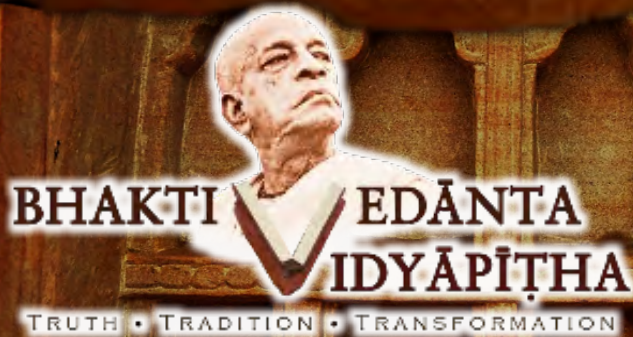
39-46: The original creator Maha Vishnu



- **39. Yat samstham:** Conservation & dissolution of the universe.
- **40.** Lord's qualities.
- **41.** How to know him ? – sense controlled can know to certain extent.
- **42.** Zone of control – Karanodakasayi Vishnu and Garbhodaksayi Vishnu and sum total of living beings.
- **43-45:** No material things are Lord's svarupa.

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2.7. Scheduled Incarnations with Specific Functions



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1-39: Various incarnation of Lord

Varaha
Suyajna
Kapila
Dattatreya
4 kumaras
Nara Narayana,
Prithu
Rishabhadeva,
Hayagriva
Fish
Tortoise



Narasimha
Hari
Vamanadev
Hamsavatara
Dhanvantari
Parasurama
Lord Rama
Vyasadeva
Bhuddha
Kaliki

1-39: Various incarnation of Lord 26-35: Activities of Lord Krishna



40-46: Impossible to understand His greatness without His mercy

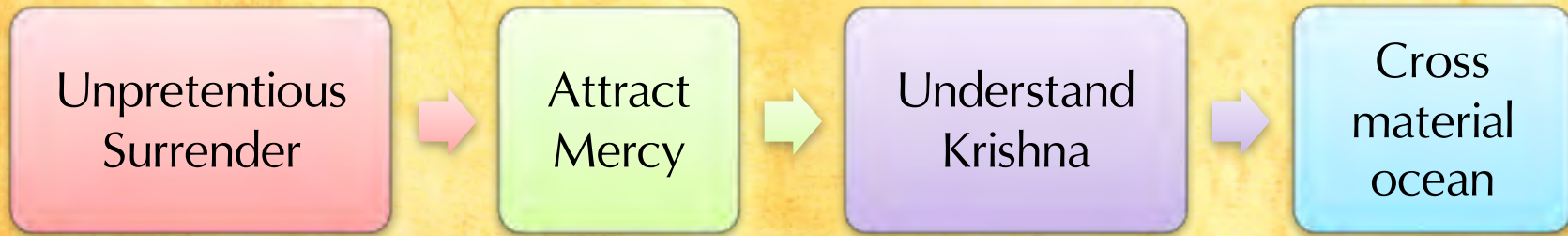
41. Impossible to understand the Lord

- Easier to count atoms than to estimate Krishna's greatness.
- Impossible even to know the extent of His material energy.
- Even Sesa can't – *nantam vidamy aham...*



40-46: Impossible to understand His greatness without His mercy

42. yeṣāṁ sa eṣa bhagavān dayayed anantaḥ
sarvātmanāśrita-pado yadi nirvyalīkam
te dustarām atitaranti ca deva-māyām
naiṣāṁ mamāham iti dhīḥ śva-śṛgāla-bhakṣye



43-45. Examples: Prahlada, Svayambhuva Manu & his family, Anga, Pracinabarhi, Dhruva, Aila, Mucukunda, Janaka... and many more

40-46: Impossible to understand His greatness without His mercy

46. Even unqualified people can...

If they are inclined to learn from the devotees.

te vai vidanty atitaranti ca deva-māyām
strī-śūdra-hūṇa-śabarā api pāpa-jīvāḥ
yady adbhuta-krama-parāyaṇa-śīla-śikṣās
tiryag-janā api kim u śruta-dhāraṇā ye



47-49: Bhagavan is superior to Paramatma and Brahman

Bhakti >>>> Jnana, Yoga

- Bhagavan >> Supersoul & Brahman



50-53: Dissemination of this knowledge

- **51-52:** Bhagavatam is a collection of Lord's vibhutis. Please expand & disseminate it.
- **51-52:** Mood: Explain it in such a way that it gives rise to Bhakti.



50-53: Dissemination of this knowledge

53. Why understand Creation pastimes?

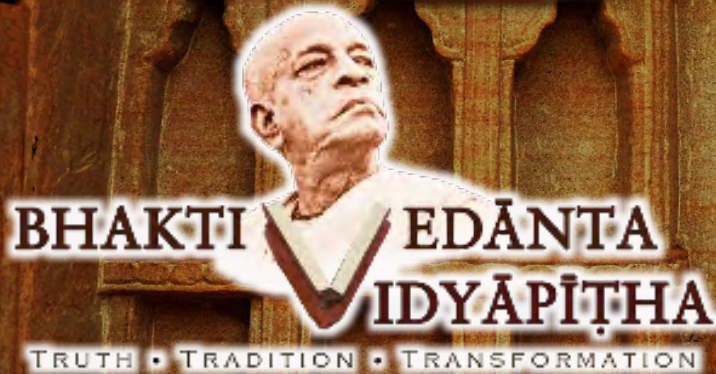
To get out of Lord's
illusory energy!

māyām varṇayato 'muṣya
īśvarasyānumodataḥ
śṛṇvataḥ śraddhayā nityam
māyayātmā na muhyati



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2.8. Questions by Parikshit Maharaj



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- ◆ 27-29: Śukadeva Goswami concludes

1-6: Pariksit inspires Śukadeva Goswami to speak Hari-Katha

- 1. Please speak about Narada Muni's preaching exploits.
- 2. Please narrate the Lord's auspicious wonderful potencies
- 3. Helps me as I want to remember Krishna at the time of death.



1-6: Parikṣit inspires Śukadeva Goswami to speak Hari-Katha

4. Hearing & Chanting leads to Remembrance



Śṛṇvataḥ śraddhayānityaṁ grṇataś ca sva-ceṣṭitam
Kālena nāti dīrghheṇa bhagavān vaśate hṛdi

1-6: Parikṣit inspires Śukadeva Goswami to speak Hari-Katha

5. HEARING cleanses all impurities



Praviṣṭaḥ karṇa-randhrena svānām bhāva-saroruham
Dhunoti śamalaṁ kṛṣṇaḥ salilasya yathā śarat

1-6: Parikṣit inspires Śukadeva Goswami to speak Hari-Katha

6. He never gives up Lord's lotus feet



dhautātmā puruṣaḥ kṛṣṇa pāda-mūlaṁ na muñcati
mukta-sarva-parikleśaḥ pānthaḥ sva-śaraṇaṁ yathā

7-23: Questions by Pariksit

7-11: Questions about Lord and Jiva

- How did spiritual Jiva, attain a material body?
- Form of Garbhodakasayi Vishnu.
- Form of Karanodakasayi and Ksirodakasayi Vishnu.
- Form of Hiranyagarbha

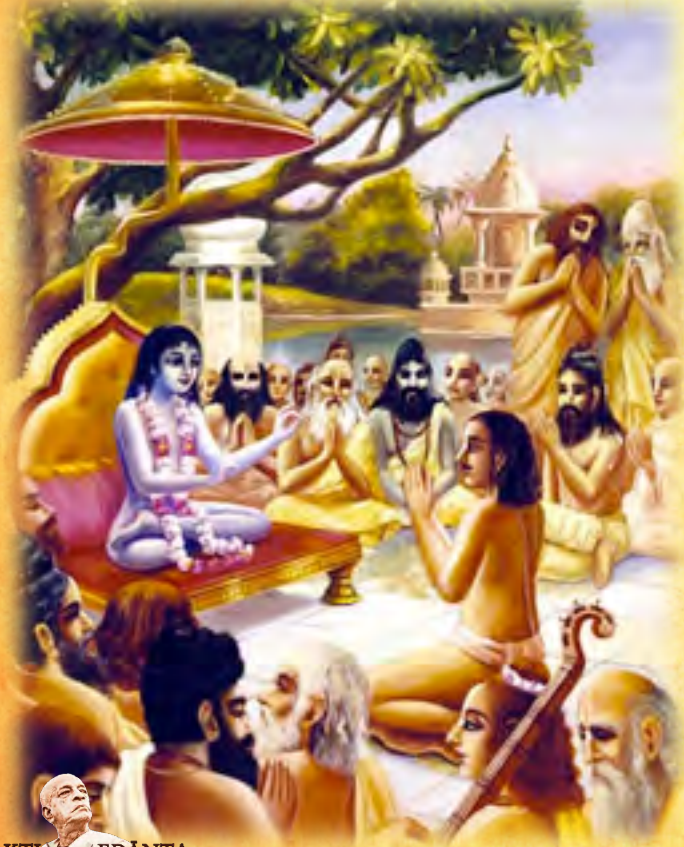
12-14: Questions about Kala & Karma

- Kalpa, Vikalpa, Kala
- Karmic reactions.
- Creation of places & inhabitants in universe
- Dimensions of Universe
- Activities of Devotees
- Varnasrama
- Yugas, duration, Yuga Dharma and activities of Yugavataras.

7-23: Questions by Pariksit

- Sadharana Dharma, Visesa Dharma & Apad Dharma.
- Elements
- Worship of Purusavataras
- Yoga Misra Bhakti
- Opulence, destination & destruction of subtle body
- Conclusion of all Vedic scriptures
- Deliverance from samsara for all Jivas
- Favorable & unfavorable activities for Bhakti.
- Rules for Vedic, Smarta, Kamya and trivargic Karmas.
- Reappearance of Jivas after Pralaya.
- Creation of Pasandis.
- About the Nityasiddhas.
- Lord's Lila using Yoga Maya

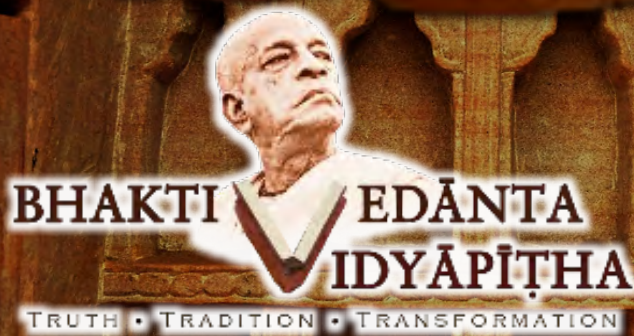
24-26: Pariksit inspires Śukadeva Goswami to speak



- **24.** Please answer as I surrendered unto you.
- **25.** You are specially qualified to answer
- **26.** I am not fatigued due to hunger & thirst.
- **27.** Śukadeva Goswami pleased
- **28-29:** Spoke Srimad bhagavatam and prepared himself ready to answer questions of Pariksit.

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2.9. Answers by citing the Lord's version



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1-3: Answer to Pariksit's first question about jiva having material body

Only due to Maya

- 1. Jiva feels a connection with the body (~Dream)
- 2. And suffers with “aham-mameti” misconceptions.

3. But, by Bhakti he
becomes free of the
misconceptions



4-8: Setting platform for Brahma-Lord conversation

- **4.** Brahma performed Bhakti & got free from illusion.
- **5.** He couldn't understand how to create.
- **6-8:** He heard: "TAPA, TAPA" & underwent austerities for 1000 celestial years.



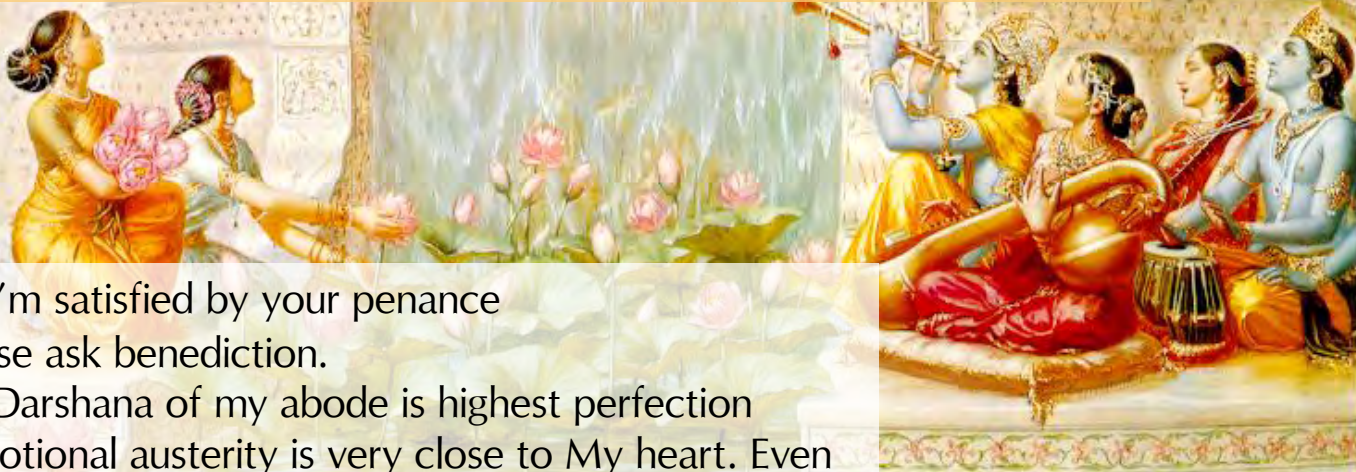
9-18: Lord Brahma's darsana of Vaikuntha

- **9-10:** Free from all dualities.
- **11-12:** Vaikunta-Vasis.
- **13.** Airplanes
- **14.** Lakshmi Devi's activities
- **15-17:** Lord's beauty & activities



19-25: Being pleased, Lord invites Brahma to ask benedictions

- **19-20:** I'm satisfied by your penance
- **21.** Please ask benediction.
- **22-23:** Darshana of my abode is highest perfection
- **24.** Devotional austerity is very close to My heart. Even My power arises from austerities.



26-30: Questions by Brahma

31-38: Lord speaks Catuh sloki, concludes & disappears.

Brahma's questions & Lord's answer (Catuh Sloki)

Q1. Please tell me about your material and spiritual forms. (Parikshit: 2.8.8 -11, Brahma: 2.9.26)

CatuhSloki 1 (2.9.33): Lord's spiritual form existed before creation & remains even after destruction. This universe is His material form"

Q2. How are the different energies of the Lord working? (Brahma: 2.9.27)

CatuhSloki 2 (2.9.34): Anything without relation with Lord has no reality – His illusory energy

Q3. How the Lord carries out His pastimes in relation to His energies? (Parikshit: 2.8.23, Brahma: 2.9.28)

CatuhSloki 3 (2.9.35): Lord is within and outside everything. (Vision of pure devotee)

Q4. Please give guidance to carry out service without pride and bondage. (Brahma: 2.9.29-30)

CatuhSloki 4 (2.9.36): Best sadhana for attaining the Lord is Bhakti.

2.9.31-36: Catuh Sloki

jñānaṁ parama-guhyam me
yad vijñāna-samanvitam
sa-rahasyam tad-aṅgam ca
grhāṇa gaditam mayā

yāvān ahaṁ yathā-bhāvo
yad-rūpa-guṇa-karmakaḥ
tathaiva tattva-vijñānam
astu te mad-anugrahāt

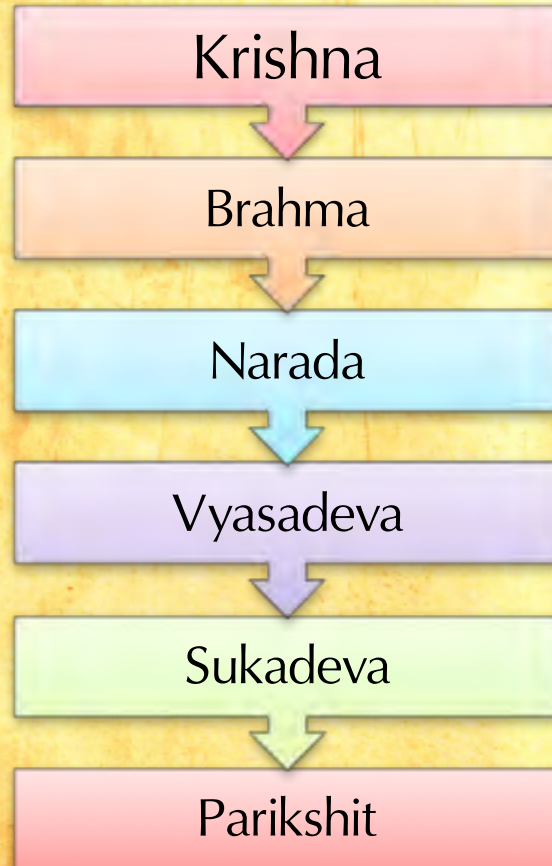
aham evāsam evāgre
nānyad yat sad-asat param
paścād ahaṁ yad etac ca
yo 'vaśiṣyeta so 'smy aham

ṛte 'rtham yat pratīyeta
na pratīyeta cātmani
tad vidyād ātmano māyām
yathābhāso yathā tamaḥ

yathā mahānti bhūtāni
bhūteṣūccāvaceṣv anu
praviṣṭāny apraviṣṭāni
tathā teṣu na teṣv aham

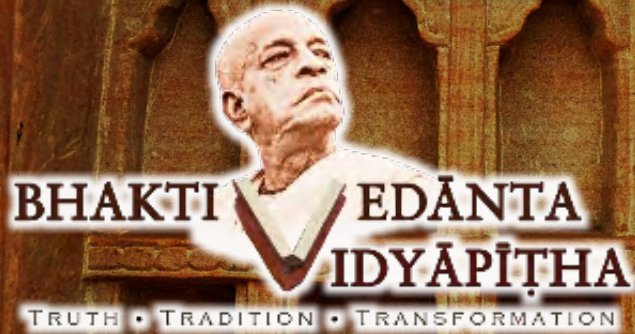
etāvad eva jijñāsyam
tattva-jijñāsunātmanaḥ
anvaya-vyatirekābhyām
yat syāt sarvatra sarvadā

39-46: Catuh sloki further expanded in parampara.



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2.10. Bhagavatam is the answer to all Questions



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1-9: 10 characteristics of a Purana

1-2: The ten topics of Bhagavatam

**atra sargo visargaś ca
sthānam poṣaṇam ūtayaḥ
manvantareśānukathā
nirodho muktir āśrayaḥ**

Reason for the description of other 9 topics...

**daśamasya viśuddhy-arthaṁ
navānām iha lakṣaṇam
varṇayanti mahātmānaḥ
śrutenārthena cāñjasā**



1-9: 10 characteristics of Purana

3-7: Definition of the ten topics

<i>Sarga:</i> (Creation)	The elementary creation of 16 items of matter
<i>Visargah:</i> (Secondary creation)	Interaction of the modes of material nature (creation by Brahma)
<i>Sthānam:</i> (right situation for jīva)	The victory of the Lord of Vaikuṇṭha
<i>Poṣaṇam:</i> (Maintenance)	His causeless mercy
<i>Manvantarana:</i> (the reign of the Manus)	Perfect occupational duty

1-9: 10 characteristics of Purana

3-7: Definition of the ten topics

<i>Utayaḥ:</i> (impetus for activity)	desire for fruitive work
<i>eśānukathā:</i> (Science of God)	incarnations of the SPoG and His different activities together with the activities of His great devotees
<i>nirodha:</i> (Winding up)	The merging of jiva with mystic lying down of the Mahā-Viṣṇu
<i>muktiḥ:</i> (Liberation)	Permanent situation of form of living entity, gives up the changeable bodies
<i>aśrayaḥ:</i> (Supreme reservoir)	Supreme being: Paramatma is the asraya of soul who is superior to the Adhyatmika, Adhibhautika and Adhidaivika manifestations.

10-35: Sarga – Creation of Virat rupa, Answer to Pariksit's question in 2.8.11

- **10-12:** Garbhodakasayi Vishnu creates Garbhodaka ocean & lies down for 1000s of years.
- **13-14:** Creation of Virat Rupa through differentiation of the 3 features: Adhyatmika, Adhibhautika and Adhidaivika.
- **15.** Creation of Sutra tattva.
- **17-30:** Creation Procedure: Desire → Gross Organ (AB) → Subtle Organ (AA) → Sense Devata (AD) → Tan-Matra (AB)
(refer BS Canto 1&2 page 186)
- **31.** Creation of Dhatus and Prana.
- **32.** Description of Mind and intelligence.
- **34-35:** Beyond this gross form is subtle form. The wise do not accept both these forms.

36-47: Visarga explained

- **36.** Lord accepted the form of Brahma to create bodies of Jivas based on their karma.
- **37-40:** Species like Manus, devatas, animals, humans...created based on their karma.
- **41.** Modes permute to give many species.
- **42-43:** Lord maintains in the form of Vishnu & destroys in the form of Siva.



36-47: Visarga explained

- **44.** Most people, thus, see Him as creator: but pure devotees see beyond.
- **45.** Lord doesn't take part directly in creation, maintenance & destruction.
- **46.** Sarga – at beginning of Brahma's Life.
- **46.** Visarga - at beginning of Brahma's Day.



48-51: Saunaka's questions about Vidura-Maitreya samvada

- **48-50:** Please tell about Vidura-Maitreya Samvada , activities of Vidura in pilgrimage
- **51.** Suta goswami replied by narrating same conversation between Sukadeva goswami and Pariksit maharaj.



Thank You

